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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
11 Plaintiff,
12 v.
13 MICHAEL JOHN SCOTT,
14 Defendant.

15 NO. CR20-018-RJB

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17 **PROTECTIVE ORDER**
18 **RESTRAINING CERTAIN**
19 **FORFEITABLE PROPERTY**

20 THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the United States' Motion for Entry of
21 a Protective Order Restraining Certain Forfeitable Property ("Motion") concerning the
22 following property ("Subject Vehicle"):

23 a. A Dodge Ram 2500, VIN No. 3D7UT2CLXBG564155, Washington State
24 License No. C40349F, seized on or about January 30, 2020 from the
25 Defendant's residence located in Snohomish, Washington.

26 The Court, having reviewed the papers and pleadings filed in this matter, including
27 the United States' Motion and the supporting Declaration of Drug Enforcement
28 Administration ("DEA") Special Agent ("SA") Ryan C. Smith, hereby FINDS entry of a
protective order restraining the Subject Vehicle is appropriate because:
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- 1 • The United States gave notice of its intent to pursue forfeiture of the
- 2 Subject Vehicle in the Forfeiture Bill of Particulars, Dkt. No. 40;
- 3 • Based on the facts set forth in the Complaint and SA Smith's Declaration,
- 4 there is probable cause to believe the Subject Vehicle is subject to forfeiture
- 5 in this case; and
- 6 • To ensure the Subject Vehicle remains available for forfeiture, its continued
- 7 restraint, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(e)(1), is appropriate.

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9 NOW, THEREFORE, THE COURT ORDERS:

10 1. The United States' request for a protective order restraining the Subject
11 Vehicle pending the conclusion of this case is GRANTED; and

12 2. The Subject Vehicle shall remain in the custody of the United States, and/or
13 its authorized agents or representatives, pending the conclusion of criminal forfeiture
14 proceedings and/or further order of this Court.

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16 IT IS SO ORDERED

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18 DATED this 18th day of October, 2021.

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21 ROBERT J. BRYAN

22 United States District Judge

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